Financial assistance for power generation in Goa

2055. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Goa has made any proposal for financial assistance to generate its own power in Goa;

(b) if so, the nature of the proposal; and

(c) the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of power exchanges

2056. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up nation-wise power exchanges;

(b) the details of the agencies proposed to be involved in the development of such power exchanges; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) An initiative has been taken to examine various issues related to feasibility of wholesale power exchange at national level in India and to develop of Detailed Project Report for the same through a consortium of consultants *viz.* M/s. CRISIL and M/s. Nordpool Consulting, Norway, A Core-Team with representatives from Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., National Thermal Power Corporation and Power Trading Corporation of India Limited has been constituted to interact with the Consultants for preparation of DPR and discussions with various stakeholders. Apart from this, as per the provision of Section 66 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has issued a draft Staff Consulation Paper on development of a common platform for electricity trading, inviting comments from the stakeholders.